

**CARLISLE PIER & DUN LAOGHAIRE
BATHS FOR THE PUBLIC**



NO PRIVATISATION

PROTEST

at meeting of

Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown Co. Council

Monday, December 8th, 7pm.

Town Hall, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire.

Save Our Seafront

Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown Co. Council and the Harbour Company are planning to hand over a major section of Dun Laoghaire Harbour to private developers. Four new plans for the Carlisle Pier have been short-listed. Each includes major commercial elements, which the Harbour Company are refusing to make public.

However, we know that the plans include hotels, luxury apartments or offices or combinations of the three. One of the proposals includes a 250-bedroom luxury hotel, exclusive apartments, bars and shops!

Each of the four plans also includes a cultural element – a Maritime Museum, An Arts and Literature Gallery and Emigration History Museum. A Diaspora Museum, A National Aquarium. The cultural elements are to be welcomed. We all know something needs to be done with the Carlisle Pier and we all want to see some useful public amenity developed on the site.

However, the cultural elements are simply an "add on" to the real plans which involve a massive private commercial development of the Pier. Commercial developments involving luxury hotels, apartments or offices will mean the effective privatisation of a major section of Dun Laoghaire Harbour.

This kind of commercial development will turn a public space into an exclusive area open only to those who can afford to pay. It will also pave the way for further private commercial development of the harbour and other seafront areas. We know from the recent proposals for Dun Laoghaire baths that were defeated by public protests and the experience of the Pavilion, that the council want to see large-scale commercial development of the entire seafront area. It is not acceptable that any more public space on the seafront should be handed over to private developers for exclusive developments.

There are few if any decent public amenities left in the Dun Laoghaire Borough that are open and available to all. For example, a skate park is badly needed by young people in the area and should be included in any development of the Carlisle Pier. Public space in the Harbour, Seafront or elsewhere must remain fully public and must be developed only to provide public amenities and facilities that are genuinely open to all.

Just as we stopped plans to build a 104-bedroom hotel or a 19-storey office block on the site of Dun Laoghaire baths we can stop the plans to privatise the Harbour. We need *People Power* to halt plans to sell off our seafront and to fight for the public redevelopment of the Carlisle Pier. We must also keep up the fight to see the Baths re-opened as fully public amenity.

**Join the *Save Our Seafront* protest at the council meeting on
Monday, December 8th at 7pm at the Town Hall, Marines Road.**

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